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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : TAGBOARD Suppliers Meeting of 26 June 1963

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I. Subject meeting was attended by representatives of Lockheed, Minneapolis-Honeywell, Minneapolis, Minneapolis-Honeywell, St. Petersburg. Headquarters was represented by General Carter, Colonel Giller, Colonel Ledford, and appropriate representatives of OSA and USAF.

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II. The purpose of the meeting was to convene all program participants for the first time and to review the TAGBOARD initial development progress to date. After some opening general remarks by Mr. Kelly Johnson, the attendees were invited to inspect a full scale mock-up of the TAGBOARD vehicle. After this inspection, [redacted] presented a resume of the status of development of their ram-jet engine to be used in the TAGBOARD. This was followed by similar briefings by LAC on the airframe, [redacted] on the camera, M-H, Minneapolis on the autopilot, and M-H, St. Petersburg on the INS. With the exception of [redacted] who are not involved with OXCART, all the contractors stressed the fact that, wherever possible, design features and component parts of the OXCART were to be used with the minimum changes necessary.

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III. Mr. Johnson strongly recommended that a designation for the system be selected and agreed to by all. He did not approve of his own designation, Q-12, since "Q" signified a drone in the DOD nomenclature. No decision was reached at the meeting.

IV. General Carter raised the question regarding the possibility of recovering the entire vehicle rather than only certain components as is now planned. LAC will investigate.

NRO review(s) completed.

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